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ALL CONSULATES GENERAL IN CANADA VIA POUCH

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SUBJECT:COLUMNIST SAYS JOBS KEY TO PIPELINE FATE

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1. ORONTO STAR BUSINESS COLUMNIST JACK MC ARTHUR DEVOTED HIS AUGUST 12 COLUMN "LAYOFFS UNDERLINE URGENT ISSUE" TO THESIS THAT NORTHERN PIPELINE APPEAL TO GOC BASED INCREASINGLY LESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS AND MORE ON CAPACITY TO CREATE JOBS.

2. MC ARTHUR BEGAN COLUMN WITH REFERENCE TO FALCONBRIDGE NICKEL LAYOFF OF 4,000 MEN IN SUDBURY FOR FOUR WEEKS AND THEN TOUCHED ON OTHER MINING/LUMBER AREAS WHERE LAYOFFS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED OR ARE POSSIBLE. HE NOTED THAT THESE FOREIGN-BUYER-DEPENDENT INDUSTRIES CANNOT BE HELPED BY GOC DOMESTIC MONETARY AND FISCAL POLICIES.

3. MC ARTHUR CONTINUED:
"IN THIS DILEMMA, CANADA TURNS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING
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THAT NORTHERN PIPELINE.THOUGH CONSTRUCTION CAN'T START FOR SOME YEARS, AN APPROVAL TO GO AHEAD WOULD START ORDERS FLOWING--AND JOBS APPEARING--ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. EVERYTHING FROM STEEL AND EXPANDED OFFICE SPACE TO CONSULTING SERVICES AND FOOD WILL BE NEEDED IN VAST QUANTITIES, NOW OR IN THE FUTURE.

"WITH OTTAWA UNDER PRESSURE TO FIND MORE WORK FOR CANADIANS, IT'S EDGING TOWARD WANTING A PIPELINE AT ANY PRICE. IT'S PROVIDED PLANS FOR CAREFUL, EXHAUSTIVE PLANNING ARE GETTING LESS ATTENTION.

"THE ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF THE PROPOSED LINE FROM ALASKA TO THE LOWER STATES HAVEN'T YET HAD MUCH STUDY. AND IT MAY BE THAT THE LINE WILL NOT PROVE APPROPRIATE FOR EVENTUAL CONNECTION WITH UNTAPPED CANADIAN-OWNED GAS IN THE ARTIC.

"FROM THE POINT-OF-VIEW OF THE BEST POSSIBLE PLANNING IN THE LONG-TERM NATIONAL INTEREST, THE PIPELINE IS FAR FROM PROVEN AS THE BEST CHOICE.

"NO MATTER, WE NEED THE JOBS. WE'RE SUSPICIOUSLY CLOSE TO THINKING OF IT IN THAT WAY. THE FALCONBRIDGE SHUTDOWN IS ONE MORE LITTLE PUSH IN THAT DIRECTION."
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